

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING CUSTODIAL STAFFING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than thirty days 2 after the close of the first calendar quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, and not later than thirty days after the close of each 4 calendar quarter of each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of 5 Correction shall submit, to the Governor and to the joint standing 6 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 7 relating to the judiciary and labor and public employees, a report 8 containing the number of: (1) Inmate disciplinary reports filed during 9 such calendar quarter; (2) inmate assaults on custodial staff reported 10 during such calendar quarter; (3) inmate assaults on other inmates 11 reported during such calendar quarter; and (4) workers' compensation 12 claims filed by custodial staff during such calendar quarter. Said 13 committees may hold a public hearing on any such report.
 - (b) If, during any calendar quarter, the number of disciplinary reports, assaults or workers' compensation claims reported in accordance with subsection (a) of this section has increased by more

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- 17 than five per cent from the number of such disciplinary reports,
- 18 assaults or workers' compensation claims reported for the preceding
- 19 calendar quarter or for the same calendar quarter of the preceding
- 20 fiscal year, the commissioner shall include in the report submitted in
- 21 accordance with subsection (a) of this section an explanation for such
- 22 increase and a general description of the measures to be taken by the
- 23 Department of Correction to address such increase.
- 24 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) The Department of Correction shall 25 conduct a study of the relationship between workers' compensation 26 claims filed by custodial staff and the use of overtime by the 27 department. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a 28 determination of whether the specific incident giving rise to each claim 29 occurred (1) while the claimant was working overtime, or (2) within 30 seventy-two hours after the claimant was working overtime. The 31 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report containing the 32 findings of such study to the Governor and the General Assembly not 33 later than January 1, 2005, in accordance with the provisions of section 34 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	from passage
Sec. 2	from passage

Statement of Purpose:

To implement reporting requirements concerning custodial staffing by the Department of Correction.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]